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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

- 25X1 1. "Journalism in Poland is still considered a supplementary course of study. The following information dates through 1953.
- Journalism at Jagiellonski University, Krakow
- 25X1 2. "At the Jagiellonski University in Krakow the Department of Journalism has been attached since 1950 to the Faculty of Humanism. Before that date journalism there was treated as an independent branch of study in the university. [ ] there are plans to return to the independent principle. The Faculty of Humanism at Jagiellonski University is directed by Professor (fnu) Wyka. The Department of Journalism is directed by Professor Dr. Leon Zuckenberg. Zuckenberg is also chief secretary of the editorial office of 'Gazeta Krokowska', the official press organ of the country committee of the PZPR -- the Polish CP.
- Journalism at Warsaw University
3. "At the University of Warsaw the Department of Journalism is attached to the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Science. That faculty is directed by Professor (fnu) Litwin. The Department of Journalism is located in a building at the corner of Traugutta and Krakowskie Przedmiescie in a building that was a boys' high school before World War II. The building was damaged during the war and has been rebuilt.

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4. "The Department of Journalism at Warsaw University gives a two-year course. It has the following curriculum:

- (a) The History of the Press (two hours a week). The main lecturers: Professor Litwin, Dr. (fnu) Nowicki, Professor M. Morawski and Dr. August Grodzicki, who is also editor-in-chief of 'Kurier Codzienny', the main publication of the Democratic Party. The subjects included:
  - (1) History of the Polish press between World War I and World War II.
  - (2) The Polish progressive press in the 18th, 19th and 20th century.
  - (3) The Polish press of today.
  - (4) The Russian press up to 1917 and the press of the U. S.
  - (5) The press under capitalism. This subject is sub-divided into today's press and, the progressive press of the capitalistic countries in the last two centuries.
- (b) The History of ~~the~~ (b) and the History of the Polish Revolutionary Movements (two hours weekly).
- (c) Political Economy (four hours per week).
  - (1) Capitalism. The lecturer is (fnu) Lipinski. He is a prominent Polish economist and one of the very few professors left at Warsaw University from pre World War II. Especially few pre-war professors of humanistic or economic subjects have remained.
  - (2) Socialism. The lecturer is (fnu) Wyrozebski.
- (d) Political Economy of the Imperialistic Period (two hours per week). The lecturer is Professor Ludwik Grossfeld. Grossfeld returned to Poland with Mikolajczyk after World War II. He remained in Warsaw after Mikolajczyk's escape. He still has a rank among Party dignitaries.
- (e) Basic Economic Problems (one hour per week). The lecturer, Jan Brodzki, is one of the editors of the main CP organ 'Trybuna Ludu'.
- (f) The Marxist Philosophy (two hours per week). The lecturer is Professor Dr. (fnu) Schaff, the leading Marxist authority at Warsaw University. He is frequently consulted on ideological matters by the Central Committee of the PZPR.
- (g) The History of Diplomacy (one hour per week). The lecturer is Jan Brodzki, from the editorial staff of 'Trybuna Ludu'.

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- (h) Vatican Policy (one hour per week). [redacted]  
[redacted] lecturer's name. He is also a member of the High Court and Chief of the Religious Department of the Central Committee of the P.R.N. It is said that he used to be a priest and that he even was graduated from the Papal Institute in Rome. This subject was in the curriculum in 1951-52 [redacted]  
[redacted]
- (i) Contemporary literature (two hours per week). The subject comprises Polish literature, Soviet literature, and the literature of the capitalistic countries. The literature of the People's Democracies is not included. The lecturer is Professor Alexander Jackiewicz.
- (j) Contemporary Cultural Problems (two hours every second week). The subject comprises problems of the theater, cinema, etc., with emphasis on propaganda and didactics. The lecturer is Dr. (fnu) Slotwinski.
- (k) Copyrights (one hour every month).
- (l) Style and Grammar (one hour per week).
- (m) Foreign Languages, with the Russian language compulsory (lecturer: Dr. (fnu) Tobolewski). French, English or German are optional. One one hour per week is left for foreign languages.
- (n) Technical Operation of an Editorial Office (two hours per week). In 1951-52 Zofia Artymowska was the lecturer.
- (o) The Editorial Office. Subjects include:
- (1) Operation of local editing. The lecturer is Modest Dobrzyński, from 'Express Wieczorny'.
  - (2) Operation of an editorial secretariate. The lecturer is Leon Kassmann, chief editor of 'Trybuna Ludu'.
  - (3) Other subjects include general routines of an editorial office. Lecturers include Mieczyslaw Rogwioszek /sic/, the chief editor of 'Chlopska Droga'.
- (p) Printing Techniques (two hours per week). The lecturer is (fnu) Morewski, from the army paper 'Zolnierz Wolnosci'. The chief lecturer on this subject until 1951 was (fnu) Madyns from the editorial office of 'Glos Pracy'. He disappeared suddenly from the paper and also from the university. Before World War II he had spent quite some time in the U.S. It was said that this fact made it too dangerous to leave him in his job.
- (q) Radio Journalism (one hour per month). Lecturer: Edward Bury from the editorial staff of the Polish Radio.

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- 25X1 5. "Apart from attending these lectures the students spend at least the  
25X1 same number of hours or even more on practical exercises. The practical courses  
25X1 are held less in printing shops or editorial offices or papers  
25X1 than in seminary halls. As a result the students leave the university  
25X1 after the two year course with merely theoretical knowledge.  
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25X1 [redacted] When a  
graduate enters an editorial office after having passed his examination,  
he is nearly completely ignorant on press matters; his head is filled  
primarily with Communist economic theories.

Employment Procedures

6. "This rather poor preparation for practical journalism reduces any  
priority the graduates might have to enter a journalistic career.  
Often someone right off the street is lucky enough to get an editorial  
office. For graduates of journalistic studies, there is a special  
employment procedure. Before the end of the scholastic year a  
'Verification' Committee examines all students. The Committee is  
composed of representatives from CP, the main newspapers, the trade  
union and the professors of the university. The Committee decides which  
students would fit which kind of future position. The candidates are  
not informed. Only after passing the final examination do they receive  
from the university a decision where to report. Few of the graduates  
are left in large cities. Most are sent to small local provincial  
newspapers. The decision of the Verification Committee is irrevocable.  
The only possibility to evade it is to resign completely from a  
journalistic career. Every year quite a number of journalistic students  
who graduate successfully are disqualified by the Verification Committee.
7. "The young graduate who takes up the decision of the Verification Committee  
reports to the editorial office of the assigned paper and stays there for  
a three months 'period of volontaire' or apprenticeship. After these  
three months he receives the title of 'applicant' for a theoretical  
period of three months. In practice, many young journalists who do not  
enjoy the special confidence of the Party spend years on such positions.

Wages and Benefits

8. "Following are the current wage levels for journalists. Wages differ for  
city and country, main and local papers, etc.:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Salary:</u>
0	'Volontaires' or practitioners	300 to 450 zlotys
I	Applicants	600 to 750 zlotys
II	Assistant editors	900 to 1050 zlotys
III	Editors	1200 to 1350 zlotys
IV	Chief Editor of a department	1500 to 1650 zlotys
V	Deputy Editor to the editor-in- chief	
	Chief secretary of editorial office	1800 to 1950 zlotys

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To the last category, V, belong also the 'star' publicists. They are usually attached to a main newspaper but may work free lance for other papers. To these basic monthly payments are added premiums, e.g. 100% extra for night work. Of course, the chief editor who is quite often also a Party dignitary does not fall within the brackets of the above payroll.

9. Wages of auxiliary staff:

A second class typist (with shorthand) receives 750 to 850 zlotys per month with some premiums for over-norm work, calculated by the page.

Proof-readers: chief of section 900 to 1200 zlotys per month

Proof-readers: regular staff 800 zlotys

Drivers, messengers, etc. are paid worst; they receive 350 to 650 zlotys per month.

10. "Among other 'privileges' of the young university-graduated journalist is the right to apply for admission to the Journalists' Trade Union, The Polish Journalist Association. He can file application only when he becomes an 'applicant'. Membership in the Association is compulsory. The Journalist Trade Union charges the high fees, approximately 20 zlotys for one month's membership. In Warsaw the Association has its club on Foksal Street."

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